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Year 2 tests – a guide for parents – April 2018

- Most children expected to do 6 tests, spelling, punctuation and grammar, 2 reading papers, 1 arithmetic paper and 1 mathematical reasoning paper. No writing test, this is to be assessed by teachers against a set of criteria
- Tests to be carried out in May.
- Tests will be marked in school.
- Mark will be related to an age standardized score, this means that an average child at the end of year 2 should score 100 points.
- The test scores help the teachers to make their own assessments of the children.
- The children will be tested in small groups.
- They will be encouraged to try their best and do what they can!
- The tests will be made as low key and undistruptive to the children as possible.
- There are opportunities in many of the tests for the children to have questions read to them.
- If a child has not completed the full KS1 curriculum they will not be required to do the tests as this may be detrimental to their progress and also inappropriate to the level they are working at.
- Things you can do at home to help:
 - Writing – learn weekly spellings with your child, read and try to spell common exception words, encourage diary writing, letter writing. Remind them about their capital letters, full stops and question marks.
 - Maths – learn times table facts, number bonds, doubles, halves, quick addition and subtraction, TIME and fractions of amounts.
 - Reading – READ EVERY DAY, ask questions about the text, What do you think will happen next? Why? What makes you think that?
- Above all, don't get unduly stressed by the whole procedure yourself, your child will quickly pick up on this. The main thing is that we have calm, confident children who just try their absolute best.



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